

File-SRS
OFFICE OF THE D/I

DATE: 22 September

TO: Mr. Smith

FROM: Dickk

SUBJECT: DDI Assistance to the [REDACTED]

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ACTION

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REMARKS: In addition to the briefings [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
[REDACTED] and some OCI people
have given [REDACTED] writers to help
them prepare a feature issue on the Chinese
Revolution, [REDACTED] has received and prepared
to respond to the following request:

To prepare a short antidotal article
to be run alongside an Edgar Snow article
praising Mao's immense personal contribution
to China's advancement.

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[REDACTED] dutifully produced a
hard-hitting rebuttal, which he has now
retracted in favor of a milder, more
diffident one, which I attach.

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Both he and I have qualms about this,
however, and I have extracted from [REDACTED]
reluctant promise to mention to the Director
this added fillip to the exercise. [REDACTED]
insists there is no chance of the [REDACTED]
revealing the origin of the piece, and asserts
that the editor will claim it as his own if
queried. He was mildly astonished that there
should be any cause for concern here.

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Unless you want to intervene, this
protects the DDI and I will pass this on to
[REDACTED] with a reiteration that the Director
must be made aware of it.
I need this back today, if possible.

R/S ok'd same date.